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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND DATA )  
STRUCTURES FOR USING )  
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DATA IN A STORAGE DEVICE )

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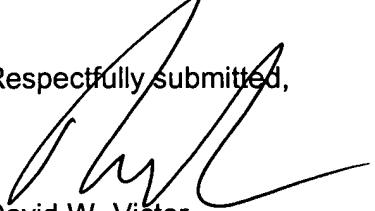
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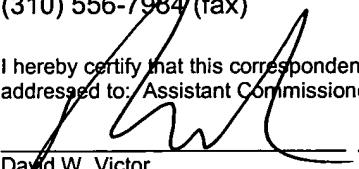
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